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PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Small-pox epidemic in Lima under control—House fumigation at Lima for plague—Status of plague in Peru.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, March 10:

Week ended March 7. One steamship and 2 sailing vessels were dispatched, with an aggregate personnel of 125 crew and 152 passengers. The sailing vessels were bound for Newcastle, New South Wales, later for San Francisco, Cal. Fumigation was advised for both of them, but was refused by their masters. The steamship was fumigated.

The smallpox epidemic in Lima appears to be controlled. At the close of February there were only 4 cases in the smallpox hospital. During the same month 41 houses were fumigated for cases of plague or the finding of dead rodents.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad:

| Locality. | Cases Febru- ary 27. | New. | Recov- ered. | Died. | Remain- ing March 4. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Lima | 8 | 2 | 2 | ..... | 8 |
| Chosica | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| Trujillo | 47 | 24 | 6 | 14 | 51 |
| Paita | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ferrenafe | 6 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 |
| Catacaos | 13 | 4 | 8 | ..... | 9 |
| Eten | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 |
| Chepen | 3 | 1 | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| Mollendo | 1 | 1 | ..... | 1 | 1 |
| Monsefu | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| Chiclayo ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| Sullana (province of Paita) ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 |

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Cholera nearly extinct at Manila—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, February 17 and 25:

Week ended February 15. Cholera seems to have practically disappeared from the city of Manila, only one sporadic case having been reported during the week covered by this report. It is interesting to observe that coincident with the disappearance of cholera it has been impossible to find further evidences of the cholera organism in the city sewers.

In summing up the mortality records of the cases treated at the San Lazaro cholera hospital it is worthy of note that the death rate is lower at this time than during any previous outbreak.

Vessels clearing for United States ports were granted consular bills of health as follows:

February 14, the British steamship *Changsha*, with 71 in the crew and 11 passengers, en route from Hongkong to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection.

February 14, the French steamship *Gange*, with 73 in the crew and 4 passengers, en route from Vladivostok to Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health after due inspection of vessel and personnel.